

appointed Roy D. Moulton as the first chief of police. The force included four policemen in addition to the chief, and with a radio equipped car they provided 24-hour protection. Lowell Thacker succeeded Mr. Moulton as chief, but held office only a short time before appointment of the present chief, Ferris Clegg.

Mayor Jaicoletti also expanded the city's water storage system, which was first constructed in 1905 under the direction of Mayor Joseph A. Rasband. The system was expanded to 1.5 million gallons of storage in 1952 and a chlorination purification plant was built to insure a pure supply of water for the community.

By 1953 Mayor Jaicoletti had begun a complete installation of sewage disposal lines in the city and the construction of a full treatment plant at a cost of \$325,000. Heber was the second of Utah's third class cities to install such a system.

Because the streets were almost completely torn up with the construction of the new sewer system the mayor began a complete resurfacing program and by 1955 the more than 21 miles of city streets had been resurfaced.

The city ball park was lighted in 1953 to accommodate night events, and in that year a new pumper was also purchased for the city fire department along with a portable first aid unit including two resuscitators.

The Wasatch County Youth Coordinating Council was established in 1953 through the cooperation of Ferrin Van Wagoner, superintendent of county schools. Then in 1954 the Little League Baseball Diamond was constructed with a complete water system for the grass.

Curb and guttering was extended along Main Street to the city limits on the south and to Sixth North, as well as along west First South.

Another pumper fire engine was purchased in 1955 at a cost of \$25,393.00, making the Heber valley department one of the best fire fighting units in the state.

Many other improvements have been made by Mayor Jaicoletti to add to the beauty of the city and to facilitate the services of city government to the people of the community.

Still another feature of governmental service in the community has been the post office. John W. Witt, who operated a small store in the northwest part of Heber, was the community's first postmaster, though he was never officially commissioned by the government. He would receive letters from Provo and Salt Lake, and hold them in his store until patrons called for them.

Organized mail service from the "outside world" was begun in 1862 when Isaac O. Wall began carrying mail on horseback during the summer months. No service was provided during the winter. In Spring months when high water in Provo River made it impossible for horses to cross, Mr. Wall extended a cable from trees on either side of the river and transferred mail pouches with the rider from Provo.

JOHN CROOK

In July of 1858 a plot of land $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles square was surveyed in Provo Valley by J. C. Snow. This plot was called City Plot. Before September 1858 additional acreage in the North Field had been surveyed and allotted. Most families received 25 acres of land, five of which was meadow land for pasturage. In October 1859 yet another survey was conducted South and West of City Plot by Mr. Snow and John Crook. For his work Mr. Crook received 25 acres of land and \$10.00 cash.

Mr. Crook tells us that during the July 1858 survey the men were camped near a stream in City Plot. A pint cup was left overnight nearly full of water. When morning came the water was frozen solid. The first pioneers felt sure this confirmed their belief that agriculture could never be successful in Heber.

To Mr. Crook we are indebted for the information concerning the intentions of the leaders regarding the use they meant to make of Wasatch County. All through the winter of 1858-59 meetings were held to determine the advisability of settling this valley the following summer. It was generally considered too cold for anything but cattle ranches. Some wanted to convert the entire valley into a huge cattle kingdom. Mr. Crook stoutly maintained that if they planted their seed and exercised their faith, God would grant an increase.

Perhaps one of the greatest services to the community performed by Mr. Crook was the keeping of a daily diary that can be relied upon to be honest and straightforward.